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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.] *To the Inhabitants of the Town of Epsom in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town-house in said Epsom, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

First. To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road Commissioners, Trustees of Public Library, Auditors, Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the year ensuing.

Second. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon; for laying out and repairing highways and sidewalks and building bridges; for the maintenance of the poor; for defraying town charges; to establish and maintain public libraries; and for all other necessary charges arising in said town.

Third. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for George H. Hoyt Post, No. 66, G. A. R., for Memorial Day.

Fourth. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and improve the town cemetery.

Fifth. To hear the report of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the Town Auditor; the report of the Auditor, Agents, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Sixth. To transact all other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
EDWIN R. YEATON,
HENRY E. DOTEY,
Selectmen of Epsom.

A true copy — Attest:

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
EDWIN R. YEATON,
HENRY E. DOTEY,
Selectmen of Epsom.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in treasury, March 1, 1893		$640.77
Amount remaining on B. M. Towle's list of 1892 for collection		$200.00
Amount of taxes committed to J. H. Tripp for collection:		
Resident tax	$4,513.68	
Non-resident tax	691.01	
		$5,204.69

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Insurance tax	$27.00	
Railroad tax	226.65	
Savings-bank tax	1,621.48	
Literary fund	165.77	
		$2,040.90

RECEIVED OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.

For aid rendered county paupers, viz.:		
Ozam Dowst	$108.50	
Mrs. Louisa Randall	79.77	
Mrs. Samuel Batchelder . . .	78.00	
Hiram G. Hartford	29.20	
Mrs. Eliza Hanscom	204.25	
Mrs. Joseph Marden	44.04	
Isaac Hall	133.60	
George W. Griffin	20.13	
		$697.49
Borrowed money	$630.00	
Town of Deerfield, balance due on the new road	4.17	

by W. L. Hilliard

97.27

$794.76

Town of Northwood, balance due on the new road	$18.07	
Town clerk, license on dogs	131.40	
State treasurer, bounty on hawks	4.00	
For old windows and stove-pipe	8.00	
For use of hearse, out of town	7.00	
True W. Center, peddler's license	2.00	
B. M. Towle, interest on taxes	7.00	
James H. Tripp, " "	7.34	
		$9,700.10

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Ira C. Evans, printing reports	$42.00
Silsby & Son, stationery	2.98
J. H. Dolbeer, insurance on town house	4.00
Hollis Hall, damage to sleigh, March, 1893	15.00
M. C. Philbrick, blanks and postage for town clerk's office	7.09
Harry G. Sargent, legal advice, 1892	12.00
W. L. Foster, cash paid on road case	18.00
W. L. Foster, legal services	57.00
C. S. Heath, appropriation for memorial day	50.00
trustees of public library appropriation	25.00
trustees of public library, for contingent expenses	27.50
Joseph Lawrence, note and interest	247.50
Roscoe Hill, M. D., returning births and deaths	7.25
C. W. Palmer, public watering place	3.00
A. S. Ladd, " " "	3.00
S. F. Brown, " " "	3.00
Geo. C. Knowles, public watering place	3.00
E. R. Yeaton, bounty on 16 hawks	4.00
J. H. Dolbeer for order book, check-lists, warrants, postage, etc.	3.18
Henry S. Knowles, dinners for Selectmen, auditor, horses, etc.	10.80
Joseph Lawrence, note and interest	145.80
	$691.10

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid James Baker, boarding Mrs. Eliza Hanscom, 46 weeks		$168.00
James Baker, funeral expenses, Mrs. Hanscom		10.00
Roscoe Hill, M. D., professional service, Mrs. Hanscom		26.25
May 27.	Paid Mrs. J. F. Randall, care of W. L. Hildreth's family	7.50
	Mrs. Almedia Hildreth, care of W. L. Hildreth's family	2.70
	Mrs. Geo. A. Pike, care of W. L. Hildreth's family	20.32
	Mrs. James M. Clark, boarding Wm. L. Hildreth's two boys seven weeks	35.00
	Cyrus Marden, one-half cord of wood for Wm. L. Hildreth	2.50
	Martha Dowst, washing for Wm. L. Hildreth	1.00
	Zecheriah Leighton, wood for Wm. L. Hildreth	4.00
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., professional services for Wm. L. Hildreth	20.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Wm. L. Hildreth	2.00
	Silver & Hall, shoes for Hildreth boys	2.25
	Silver & Hall, supplies for Mrs. S. Batchelder	78.00
	Silver & Hall. supplies for Isaac Hall	110.60
	Dr. Hill, medical attendance on Mrs. Hall	21.00
	Mrs. Marston, nursing Mrs. Hall	2.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Mrs. Randall	79.77

May 27.	Paid H. S. Knowles, supplies for Mrs. J. Marden	$42.04
	Dr. Hill, medical attendance on Mrs. Marden . . .	2.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for G. W. Griffin	6.42
	Hollis Hall, supplies for Geo. W. Griffin	12.71
	Dr. Hill, medical attendance on G. W. Griffin . . .	1.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Ozam Dowst	106.00
	Dr. Hill, medical attendance on O. Dowst	2.50
	J. B. Tennant, supplies for H. G. Hartford	19.95
	Dr. Hill, medical attendance on H. G. Hartford's family .	9.25
	D. G. Chesley, one cord of wood for I. Hall	4.00
	George C. Towle, care of Daniel Rowe	1.50
	Frank S. Weeks, care of Daniel Rowe	1.50
		$801.76

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN.

Paid Merrimack county, boarding Stillman E. Sherburne 59 weeks	$168.00
Merrimack county, boarding Susan R. Dutton 59 weeks	168.00
Silver & Hall, supplies for Shuah Sanborn	29.00
Shuah Sanborn for her own support . .	10.00
C. W. Davis, boarding Shuah Sanborn .	19.50
D. G. Chesley, keeping 7 tramps . .	7.00
J. H. Dolbeer, keeping 3 tramps . .	3.00
Town of Pembroke, aid to A. D. Wicom .	9.00
	$413.50

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Apr. 27.	Paid Mrs. C. C. Woodman, services as member of school board .	$10.00
June 29.	D. G. Chesley, superintending schools	30.00
	D. G. Chesley, member of school board	10.00
	D. G. Chesley, making statistical report	2.00
	D. G. Chesley, distributing books, postage, etc. . .	1.00
	D. G. Chesley, cash paid for school books . . .	62.79
May 27.	J. H. Tripp, treasurer, for repair of school-house . .	100.00
	J. H. Tripp, treasurer, literary fund	165.77
	J. H. Tripp, treasurer, town appropriations . . .	1,162.00
	J. H. Tripp, treasurer, balance of dog tax and license . .	173.44
1894. Feb.	J. H. Tripp, member of school board, 1892	20.00
		$1,737.00

AID FURNISHED W. L. HILDRETH'S FAMILY, A DEPENDENT SOLDIER.

1893. May 27.	Paid Mrs. J. F. Randall, three weeks' work	$7.50
	Mrs. Almidia Hildreth, expense	2.70
June 24.	Mrs. Geo. A. Pike, care of Mrs. Hildreth	20.32
Aug. 10.	Mrs. J. M. Clark, for boarding the two Hildreth boys seven weeks	35.00

Sept. 30.	Paid	Cyrus Marden, half a cord of wood	$2.50
Nov. 25.		Martha Dowst, washing . .	1.00
Dec. 30.		L. Leighton, wood . . .	4.00
1894.			
Feb. 3.		Dr. Roscoe Hill, medical attendance	20.00
		Silver & Hall, shoes for the boys	2.25
		H. S. Knowles, cloth . .	2.00
			$97.27

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1893.			
Apr. 14.	Paid	C. S. Heath for work from Mar. 1 to Apr. 1, 1893 . . .	$194.06
24.		S. R. Yeaton for work from Mar. 1 to Apr. 1, 1893 . .	137.09
June 29.		D. G. Chesley, shoveling snow March, 1892 . . .	3.44
Aug. 26.		Geo. Sanders, balance of appropriation for "Swamp Road"	30.25
Sept. 30.		C. F. Watson, work on North-East road	7.61
		S. R. Yeaton for work from April 1, 1893, to Feb. 15, 1894	1,512.05
			$1,884.50

REPAIRS ON TOWN-HOUSE.

Sept. 30.	Paid	Freeman Marden, nine windows	$23.25
		C. F. Haynes, 15 days painting	22.50
		C. F. Haynes, for lead, oil, etc.	25.10
Oct. 28.		J. S. Green, plastering . .	72.82
Dec. 30.		G. H. Burnham, lumber for floor and door	20.24
1894.			
Feb. 3.		John T. Hill, stove-pipe . .	8.26
		Maurice C. Philbrick, laying floor, etc.	12.72

Feb. 3.	Paid C. F. Haynes, painting inside .	$30.00
	H. E. Dotey, work and cash paid	2.65
		$217.54

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Dec. 22.	Paid F. P. Kellom, treasurer of Merrimack county	$1,024.11
	S. A. Carter, state treasurer, state tax	1,015.00
		$2,039.11

HEARSE ACCOUNT.

Paid	A. D. Sherburne, attendance with hearse at three funerals	$8.50
	H. S. Knowles, attendance at twelve funerals with hearse	30.00
	Huntley & McDonald, painting and repairing hearse	40.35
	H. S. Knowles, taking hearse to Concord for painting, and going after it . .	5.00
	for a covering for hearse	2.75
	for a mat for hearse	4.50
	for new straps for runners . . .	1.50
		$92.60

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid	D. P. Locke, over tax on land . . .	$1.50
	heirs of Nancy Richardson, over tax on house	1.00
	J. L. Bickford, on oxen paid in Deerfield	2.00
	abatements on B. M. Towle's list of 1892 .	8.31
	abatements on J. H. Tripp's list of 1893 .	12.00
		$24.81

TOWN OFFICERS.

1893. Mar. 28.	D. C. Ayer, services as constable, 1892	$5.00
	D. C. Ayer, services as constable, 1893	5.00

Mar. 28.	B. M. Towle, balance for collecting	$15.00
	Freeman Marden, supervisor . .	6.00
	J. B. Tennant, supervisor . .	6.00
	George Sanders, selectman, March 1, 1893	1.50
	Daniel Yeaton, treasurer . . .	30.00
	M. C. Philbrick, town clerk . .	15.00
	M. C. Philbrick, recording births and deaths	7.45
	James H. Tripp, collector, in part	55.00
	Henry E. Dotey, selectman . .	38.00
	Edwin R. Yeaton, selectman . .	42.06
	John H. Dolbeer, selectman . .	59.92
	J. W. Fowler, auditor for 1892 and 1893	3.00
	A. J. Silver, auditor, 1893 . .	1.50
		$290.43

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous expenses	$691.10
County paupers	801.76
Town paupers	413.50
Support of schools	1,737.00
Repair of highways and bridges . . .	1,884.50
Repair of town-house	217.54
State and county tax	2,039.11
Town hearse	92.60
Abatement of taxes	24.81
Town officers	290.40
Remaining on J. H. Tripp's tax list . . .	71.48
Remaining in the treasury	1,436.27
	$9,700.10

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
EDWIN R. YEATON,
HENRY E. DOTEY,

EPSOM, Feb. 15, 1894. *Selectmen.*

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Amount paid by C. S. Heath, for Breaking Roads, March, 1893.

Cyrus Marden	$21.00
S. L. Clark	10.20
S. B. Page	12.00
C. S. Heath	10.20
A. C. Heath	10.35
A. M. Steele	5.10
T. B. Langley	7.05
C. M. Steele	2.70
H. L. Hilliard	1.50
N. H. Munroe	2.93
D. G. Chesley	19.30
S. W. Bickford	8.89
J. O. Fisk	1.35
H. G. Leighton	.30
C. E. Cilley	25.85
Hollis Hall	.75
R. C. Brown	11.35
T. F. Kelley	6.30
W. H. Yeaton	15.47
J. Lawrence, Jr.	12.22
J. C. Yeaton	7.30
J. E. Griffin	1.95
	$194.06

Report of S. R. Yeaton, Highway Agent in South part of the Town, to April 1, 1893.

Paid	G. T. Tripp	$1.57
	Horace Fowler	2.00
	Samuel Fowler	3.00
	E. S. Baker	.79
	C. F. Stevens	1.05
	Philip Fowler	5.60
	William Fowler	.75
	Benjamin Fowler	6.75
	Henry C. Lovejoy	5.00
	Samuel C. Martin	1.50
	J. C. Burnham	1.00
	J. W. Fowler	1.00
	J. M. Burnham	10.17
	H. D. Haynes	1.50
	J. W. Murby	.45
	S. F. Brown	.30
	Daniel Yeaton	5.77
	A. L. Brown	4.12
	W. G. Weeks	1.05
	A. B. Cass	3.00
	Walter L. Pickard	9.30
	Calvin Dowst	2.32
	C. W. Towle	.45
	J. H. Fife	.75
	Warren J. Brown	6.15
	C. H. Foss	6.70
	C. E. Kendall	.90
	C. S. Hall	.60
	J. L. Bickford	7.50
	J. C. Brown	2.03
	F. P. Ricker	1.80
	N. H. Monroe	1.87
	J. S. Green	3.45
	J. R. Tarleton	2.55
	A. L. Sanders	8.77

Paid	J. H. Nute	$3.60
	Peter Maumey	5.00
	F. L. Seavey	.83
	George Sanders	3.00
	Henry Vrutts	2.40
	Hiram G. Hartford	3.00
	S. R. Yeaton	7.75
		$137.09

Report of S. R. Yeaton, Highway Agent of the Town for 1893.

Paid	Robert C. Brown	$21.92
	Charles W. Doe	6.00
	C. H. Pike	3.00
	A. M. Steel	10.12
	G. P. Rand	5.03
	Marcius K. Locke	3.00
	George S. Bixby	21.00
	W. H. Yeaton	26.90
	J. W. Witham	1.50
	J. M. Clark	19.60
	Daniel Yeaton	10.20
	G. T. Tripp	26.65
	Lucian Heath	3.00
	Horace Fowler	15.90
	E. S. Baker	1.95
	Charles F. Stevens	6.00
	James M. Burnham	17.80
	D. G. Chesley	29.15
	S. G. Bickford	38.60
	F. C. Fife	4.50
	Elbridge K. Spurlin	12.90
	W. C. Burnham	3.00
	H. L. Hilliard	6.75
	Thomas J. Ames	9.00
	Joseph W. Marden	34.62

Paid	W. P. Babb	$15.00
	C. E. Kendall	1.50
	Frank L. Seavey	1.20
	J. A. Chesley	22.55
	Cyrus O. Brown	9.75
	Joseph P. Locke	13.00
	Alden M. Tilton	3.60
	Samuel B. Cofran	1.50
	A. D. Sherburn	80.75
	Samuel Stanley	2.25
	Silas B. Paige	14.55
	Charles E. Cilley	24.72
	James Yeaton	13.50
	Charlie S. Bickford	1.50
	Stephen F. Brown	5.92
	Charles A. Yeaton	6.50
	A. L. Yeaton	93.00
	T. F. Kelley	1.50
	A. O. Carter	27.68
	D. M. Philbrick	24.90
	John S. Philbrick	5.50
	E. M. Kelley	.75
	Fred W. Yeaton	3.00
	Philip Fowler	14.80
	B. H. Fowler	7.50
	Henry C. Lovejoy	15.20
	A. P. Bickford	1.50
	Mark Marden	2.25
	Henry D. Haynes	6.00
	C. H. Foss	6.00
	T. Bryant Langley	3.00
	George H. Pike	.75
	Hollis Hall	.95
	Peter Maumey	1.50
	Alonzo Batchelder	69.70
	J. H. Tripp	125.00
	James S. Hartford	1.50

Paid	Walter L. Pickard	$9.30
	S. L. Clark	3.30
	George H. Philbrick	65.22
	Charlie F. Mason	1.50
	A. B. Cass	1.50
	Calvin Dowst	1.05
	Augustus E. Hartford	1.50
	Moses C. Libbey	6.25
	J. H. Dolbeer	10.95
	Frank A. Bickford	10.60
	Lewis Spurlin	4.50
	C. S. Hall	3.75
	Cyrus Marden	14.85
	George P. Cass	5.85
	John Spurlin	6.75
	Samuel Fowler	4.20
	J. C. Burnham	.50
	F. W. Tripp	3.80
	George Sanders	25.65
	Benjamin Fowler	2.00
	B. M. Towle	6.00
	Samuel W. Bickford	6.90
	J. A. Griffin	6.45
	Henry Bickford	3.90
	Samuel Bickford	1.00
	J. L. Wells	5.70
	J. C. Brown	9.82
	H. O. Cass	2.40
	H. O. Wells	19.80
	H. E. Dotey	1.50
	G. W. Lane	1.50
	G. H. Yeaton	.38
	Joseph B. Cass	4.50
	S. R. Yeaton	195.75
	F. O. Rollins, brace for road machine	1.00
	William Lent, sharpening drill and repair on road machine	2.71

Paid	A. L. Ricker, repair on road machine .	$1.90
	W. Q. Burnham, iron for water-course and road machine	1.25
	Cyrus Marden, bridge plank . . .	4.76
	J. Hadlock, road machine repairs . .	25.33
	J. B. Tennant, varnish for iron bridge (on hand)	4.00
	H. S. Knowles, powder, fuse, and nails .	1.18
	Thompson & Hoague, sewer pipe . .	14.80
	George H. Burnham, bridge plank . .	30.59
	George Sanders for swamp road . .	6.50
	Concord & Montreal railroad, freight .	2.00
		$1,512.05

Summer work	$1,235.47
Winter work	276.58

S. R. YEATON,
Highway Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Epsom for the year ending February 15, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Received of	Daniel Yeaton, treasurer 1892	$467.33
	B. M. Towle, balance of taxes	200.00
	" interest	7.00
	town of Deerfield on W. L. Foster's bill	4.17
	town of Northwood on W. L. Foster's bill	18.07
	T. W. Center, license to peddle in town	2.00
	borrowed money	630.00
	state treasurer	2,040.90
	Merrimack county, support of paupers	794.76
	state treasurer, bounty on hawks	4.00
	for old windows	7.00
	for old stove-pipe	1.00
	for use of hearse out of town	7.00
	J. H. Tripp, collector for 1893	5,133.21
	" interest on taxes	7.34
		$9,323.78

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders drawn by selectmen	$8,018.91
Remaining in hands of treasurer	$1,304.87

DOG MONEY.

Received of Daniel Yeaton, treasurer 1892 .	$173.44
clerk, license money . . .	131.40
	$304.84
Paid J. H. Tripp, treasurer school board . .	173.44
Remaining in hands of treasurer . . .	$131.40

DANIEL YEATON,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN, FEBRUARY 15, 1894.

Indebtedness by note and interest .	$2,712.04	
Due J. H. Tripp, collector . .	10.00	
Due school district dog license . .	131.40	
S. M. Chesley estate in trust . .	50.00	
		$2,903.44

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury	$1,436.27	
Remaining in hands of collectors . .	71.48	
		$1,507.75
Actual indebtedness		$1,395.69
The town hold 177 shares of stock in Suncook Valley railroad, estimated value		$8,000.00

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending February 15, 1894, I hereby certify that I found them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

JAMES W. FOWLER,
Auditor.

EPSOM, February 15, 1894.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

As soon as possible after our election as trustees we opened correspondence with the public library commissioners of the state with reference to the establishment of a library in this town. After having complied with the requirements of said commissioners by providing a suitable room, securing a competent person for librarian, arranged for the distribution of the books, etc., we received from them one hundred and five books, being the gift of one hundred dollars worth presented by the state.

Interested citizens have contributed the generous sum of sixty dollars for the purchase of books, which with the twenty-five dollars appropriated by the town, was expended in the purchase of one hundred and twenty-five volumes, and having been properly labeled and marked, were ready for distribution from the library room in George E. Warren's store building, Tuesday afternoon, September fifth, which has been opened every Tuesday afternoon since, under the supervision of our efficient librarian, Miss Elsie N. Warren.

Cards have been issued to one hundred and sixty-four different persons, who have taken from one to twenty books each, averaging fifty-two books each week.

In view of the above patronage already given, we ask your consideration of the question of making a larger appropriation, for the purpose of adding new books, than the twenty-five dollars appropriated by the vote of last year. We would also further appeal to the citizens and interested parties, and especially to former residents of the town for liberal contributions. We should be pleased to receive the present of books, which will be credited to the donors.

The reports of the various state officers that have been collecting in the offices of the town clerk and selectmen for many years, have been placed in the library, so that in all we have a library of three hundred and four volumes.

Several volumes of the Law Reports are missing, and if anyone should have taken them for reference, and neglected to return them, we would esteem it a favor if they would leave them at the library or with the trustees, as it is desirable that the set be complete.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
WARREN TRIPP,
ROSCOE HILL,
Trustees.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The school board having attended to the duties of their office, make to the town their annual report in compliance with the statutes.

Seven schools have been maintained the past year, varying in length from twenty-five to thirty-one weeks each. This variation, omitting the Centre school, was the result of adding to some of the schools the weeks they were entitled to have added to them, as stated in last year's school report. The Centre school was seriously interrupted, first, by the sickness of the teacher, Miss Phelps, who commenced the summer term, and afterwards by the sickness of pupils, and the terms were shorter than they otherwise would have been, and the coming year the school will be entitled to have 6.6 weeks added to it.

Pupils in all of our schools have made commendable progress in their studies, and teachers are deserving much praise for the painstaking interest they have manifested for the schools under their charge. Miss Ola I. Tripp completed the Elementary Algebra and Complete Arithmetic, and Master Charlie A. Brown finished the Complete Arithmetic in a very thorough manner. An Elementary Physiology, having special reference to the evil effects of narcotics and alcoholic drinks upon the human system, has been introduced into all of our schools the past year, and a work entitled, "The American Citizen," has been used for the first time in the Gossville and New Rye schools for a supplementary reading. The coming year we hope to see "The American Citizen" used in all of the schools. By these books scholars are taught that they are not at school merely to learn how to earn a liv-

ing, or to be able to read many books, but to become men and women, who shall help the state by their lives.

Irregularity of attendance is still a prominent evil in some of our schools. Increased effort should be made to prevent it. Parents should try to help the teachers of their schools by never allowing anything trivial to interfere with the constant attendance of their children at school, and try to arouse that pride in them which tends to punctuality.

The Centre and New Rye schoolhouses have been painted during the past year, and it is hoped that other schoolhouses will be repaired and painted in the near future. Somewhat extensive repairs should be made to the Gossville schoolhouse, or else (what would be better, perhaps) a new one should be built in its stead. We think a good schoolhouse is closely connected with a good school, and that a poor schoolhouse exerts an exceedingly bad influence upon the character of a school. As a rule, the schoolhouse should be as agreeable to the eye and attractive every way as the best house in the neighborhood. Then, with a good teacher, will it be to the young mind next to the parental home, "the dearest spot on earth."

The number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years by the selectmen's examination in April, 1893, is: boys, 45; girls, 44. This is a less number of children than the number that attended the Centre school some fifty years ago. The number of scholars in town is constantly diminishing, and some of the schools are very small. In view of this fact, we would suggest for the consideration of the district, the plan of uniting our schools for the winter term, limiting the number of schools to three or four. A good teacher can instruct twenty-five pupils just as well as he can instruct five, and a school of twenty-five pupils would be far more interesting to teacher and scholars than one having one fifth of this number.

Statistics show that the average number of days that the public schools in the state of New Hampshire were kept for the year 1891–92 is 121.6. The average number of days our

schools kept the past year is a fraction more than 141. Thus it will be seen that we are giving our pupils more schooling than other towns on an average in our state give their pupils. But we are not doing too much for our schools. Let us continue to be generous in our outlays for them. Franklin says "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." The sums expended annually for the support of schools have more than anything else made us what we are; they have returned to us as interest an amount of good which cannot be estimated or measured.

For length of schools, names and wages of teachers, number of scholars in each school, and average attendance, etc., you are referred to a tabular statement on another page.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. CHESLEY,
DANIEL YEATON,
School Board.

Report of Treasurer of School District.

J. H. Tripp in account with the School District of Epsom for the year ending March 1, 1894:

1893.		Dr.
March 1.	To balance in treasury:	
	For repairs	$32.31
	For schools	173.71

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1893.

Dog license	$173.44
Literary fund	165.77
Town appropriation	1,162.00
Received of school district of Allenstown for tuition	13.33
Received of selectmen for repairs . . .	100.00

BY AMOUNT PAID TEACHERS.

1893.			Cr.
June.	Paid Addie Lake . . .	$67.50	
	Cora M. Brown . .	70.00	
	Lillia A. Phelps . .	6.30	
	S. Edith Fowler . .	63.00	
	Elizabeth F. Stokes .	60.00	
	Bertha T. Cotterell .	55.00	
	Abbie J. James . .	72.50	
	Stella R. Merrill . .	81.00	
			$475.30
Nov.	Paid Olive E. Freese . .	$75.00	
	S. Edith Fowler . .	63.00	
	Emma F. Griffin . .	65.00	
	S. B. Cofran, Jr. . .	60.50	
	Addie Lake . . .	67.50	

Nov.	Paid Evelyn M. Burleigh .	$72.50	
	Nettie M. Chase . .	45.00	
			$448.50
Feb.	Paid S. Edith Fowler . .	$63.00	
	Evelyn M. Burleigh .	61.63	
	Addie Lake . . .	67.50	
	Cora M. Brown . .	58.50	
	Nettie M. Chase . .	75.00	
	Addie J. Smith . .	49.50	
	Olive E. Freese . .	75.00	
			450.13
			$1,373.93

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

1893.	
Paid J. B. Tennant, as per order . . .	$45.31
C. F. Haynes	51.00
Noah Fife	7.20
D. G. Chesley	7.90
Silver & Hall	9.51
Mandana Stanley	1.50
A. B. Cass	1.50
	$123.92

WOOD AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1894.		
Feb.	Paid Silver & Hall, as per order . .	$1.50
	Daniel Yeaton	26.25
	J. H. Dolbeer	9.13
	C. C. Woodman . . .	8.45
	Chesley Brothers . . .	27.00
	school district of Chichester .	32.00
	Warren E. Hilliard . . .	15.00
	R. C. Brown	14.37
	H. E. Dotey	1.25
	Horace Fowler	3.50
	H. O. Cass	5.00
	George E. Warren . . .	1.25

Feb.	Paid H. S. Knowles	$3.72
	James L. Bickford . . .	3.50
	Mandana Stanley . . .	2.00
	Alden M. Tilton . . .	1.50
	Harvey J. Wells . . .	.70
	Charles S. Bickford . . .	.50
	J. B. Tennant	3.09
		$159.71

Total amount of receipts	$1,820.56
Amount of expenditures	1,657.56

Balance in treasury:

For repairs	$8.39	
" schools	154.61	
		$163.00

J. H. TRIPP,
Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer of the school board of Epsom, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1894, I hereby certify that I find them correct and supported by proper vouchers.

JAMES W. FOWLER,
Auditor.

EPSOM, February 22, 1894.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those who have not been absent or tardy for one or more terms, the figure 2 denoting two terms.

CENTRE.

Arthur Munroe.

GOSSVILLE.

James M. Robinson,
Maud S. Critcherson,
Charles A. Munroe,
Albert J. Warren,
Guy T. Pike.

MOUNTAIN.

Winfred J. Pickard, 2
Ralph L. Cass.

SHORT FALLS.

Florence L. Fowler,
Flossie E. Yeaton, 2
Ola I. Tripp, 2
Harry M. Bickford.

NEW ORCHARD.

Helen E. P. Yeaton,
Paul A. Edmunds,
Harry L. Paige,
Eva M. Paige.

NORTH ROAD.

E. Christie Yeaton.

NEW RYE.

Clarence W. Brown.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Name of School.	Number of term.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Number of weeks.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Vocal Music.	Visits by parents and others.	Number of different pupils registered.
Centre	1	Lillie A. Phelps* / Elizabeth F. Stokes	$30.00	9	14	12	13	13	12	10	3	6	2	....	12	3	....	....	..	13	29	
	2	Nettie M. Chase	30.00	6	11	9	11	11	11	8	3	5	2	....	....	2	....	....	..	..	9	15
	3	Nettie M. Chase	30.00	10	8	5	8	8	8	6	2	5	1	....	....	1	....	....	..	..	3	
Gossville	1	Adda Lake	30.00	9	20	18	20	18	18	16	7	10	4	....	11	4	3	1	..	..	26	
	2	Adda Lake	30.00	9	22	17	22	22	17	19	8	12	6	....	16	..	3	2	..	..	10	30
	3	Adda Lake	30.00	9	15	12	15	15	13	14	4	5	....	....	7	15	....	3	3	..	13	
Mountain	1	Bertha T. Cotterell	22.00	10	9	7	9	9	7	5	5	3	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	15	
	2	Samuel B. Cofran, 2d	22.00	11	8	7	7	8	7	6	4	2	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	12	10
	3	Addie J. Smith	22.00	9	9	7.7	9	9	8	4	5	2	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	5	
Short Falls	1	S. Edith Fowler	28 00	9	10	6	10	10	10	10	9	6	2	...	6	6	...	2	..	..	12	
	2	S. Edith Fowler	28.00	9	9	8	9	9	9	7	6	4	2	....	9	..	....	3	..	..	11	14
	3	S. Edith Fowler	28.00	9	8	4	8	8	8	7	6	3	2	....	8	8	....	3	..	..	2	
New Orchard	1	Cora M. Brown	28.00	10	9	6	9	9	8	5	3	3	1	....	....	1	1	....	..	..	13	
	2	Emma F. Griffin	26.00	10	12	10	12	12	12	11	5	3	1	5	12	1	....	1	..	..	17	13
	3	Cora M. Brown	26.00	9	9	6	9	9	9	8	4	3	1	4	8	9	2	1	..	..	6	
North Road	1	Abbie J. James	29.00	10	12	10	12	12	12	12	5	7	2	7	12	2	2	2	..	..	19	
	2	Evelyn M. Burleigh	29.00	10	14	12	14	14	14	13	8	6	5	13	12	..	1	2	..	..	20	16
	3	Evelyn M. Burleigh	29.00	8 5	15	10	14	14	14	13	7	6	6	13	....	..	1	2	..	..	7	
New Rye	1	Stella R. Merrill	30.00	11	13	11	13	13	13	13	4	9	1	....	13	1	....	5	..	..	25	
	2	Olive E. Freese	30.00	10	13	11	13	13	13	13	8	9	....	9	13	..	1	5	..	..	39	13
	3	Olive E. Freese	30.00	10	11	9	11	11	11	11	8	7	....	....	11	1	2	3	..	..	15	

*Gave up school on account of sickness, after keeping 4 1-2 days.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Epsom, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1893.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.*	Age of mother.*
Jan. 23	All of Epsom.	Maryetta Rebecca	F	L	2	W	Nathan J. Goss.....	Ida M. Leighton....	W	All of Epsom.	Shoemaker...	Epsom.....	Epsom.....	29	28
Feb. 7		.....	M	"	3	"	Charles F. Stevens.	Alma O. M. Worth.	"		Farmer.....	Deerfield.....	Canada.....	29	28
Apr. 19		Verna Osgood....	F	"	3	"	Edgar E. Wells.....	Lottie A. Flint.....	"		"	Epsom.....	N. Reading Mass	36	29
Apr. 19		Wilfred E.....	M	"	1	"	George F. Davis....	Minnetta O. Edgerly	"		Laborer.....	Kingston.....	Chichester.....	31	23
May 27		Elmira Jane.....	F	"	3	"	Isaac Hall.....	Mary Marston.....	"		"	Candia.....	"	50	34
Apr. 26		Ernest Adolphus.	M	"	5	"	Charles L. Brace....	Mary Lavaly.....	"		Shoemaker...	Canada.....	Vergennes, Vt..	38	28
June 3		Russell Stewart..	"	"	4	"	Samuel R. Yeaton..	Mabel E. Stewart..	"		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Epsom.....	35	28
June 19		Leonard Stewart.	"	"	1	"	Geo. E. Batchelder.	Nettie A. Stewart..	"		"	"	"	27	23
Apr. 2		Clara D.....	F	"	3	"	John O'Meara.....	Belle A. Paige.....	"		Fireman.....	New York	Pittsfield.....	42	33
Sept. 4		Mabel Florence..	"	"	2	"	Daniel G. Chesley.	Olive E. Sanborn..	"		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Thornton.....	56	39
Sept. 12		Lendall Harley...	M	"	1	"	George W. Mason..	Minnie R. Bickford	"		Laborer	Pembroke	Epsom.....	24	18
Oct. 24		Bulah Adelaide...	F	"	8	"	Silas B. Paige.....	Emma A. Glines...	"		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Wheatland, Ia..	53	36
Oct. 28		.....	M	"	1	"	Cyrus Marden.....	Laura J. Marden...	"		"	"	Epsom.....	42	37
Nov. 24		Carroll Oscar.....	"	"	4	"	Frank O. Rollins...	Imogene E. Hardy.	"		Mechanic.....	London.....	Temple.....	43	33

* At last birthday.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Epsom, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1893.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station by whom married.
Jan. 7	Pittsfield ...	Moses Q. Burnham.	Epsom	22	W	Blacksmith ...	Epsom	James M. Burnham..	Epsom	Farmer ...	1st	J.N.Studley, clergyman, Pittsfield.
								Mary E. Wells.....	Lowell,Mass	Housewife		
		Josephine B. Shaw.	Pittsfield..	30	"	School teacher..	Concord.....	John E. Shaw	Pittsfield ...	Farmer ...	"	
								Sarah A. Brown.....	Hampton F.	Housewife		
Feb. 5	Chichester ..	George W. Mason..	Epsom	24	"	Farmer....	Epsom	John Mason.....	Conway.....	Farmer .	"	S.H.Amsden clergyman, Chichester.
								Sarah M. Lake.....	Epsom	Housewife		
		Minnie R. Bickford	Epsom	18	"	Domestic .	Epsom	Frank A. Bickford...	Epsom	Farmer ..	"	
								Lettie Grey.....	Bangor, Me.	Housewife		
Feb. 9	Pittsfield ...	Chas. W. Buxton ..	Camb'dge, Mass ...	24	"	Clerk.....	Cambridge, Mass.	Charles B. Buxton..	.....	Merchant.	"	M A Quimby clergyman, Pittsfield.
								Luetta Brown.....	.....	Housewife		
		Alice Sanders	Epsom	18	"	Domestic	Epsom	William T. Sanders..	Chichester.	Farmer ...	"	
								Drusilla T. Ewer.....	E. Concord .	Housewife		
Feb. 12	Chichester..	George F. Davis ...	Epsom	31	"	Farmer ...	Kingston ..	Charles H. Davis....	Kingston ...	Mason....	"	S.H.Amsden clergyman, Chichester.
								Carrie Hunt.....	E. Kingston	Housewife		
		MinnettaO.Edgerly	Chichester	23	"	Domestic .	Chichester..	Henry S. Edgerly....	Northwood .	Farmer ...	"	
								Lucretia J. Hilliard..	Chichester..	Housewife		
Mar. 2	Bow.....	Walter W.Hartford	Epsom	21	"	Farmer ...	Suncook ...	James S. Hartford ...	Candia.....	Farmer ..	"	A J Wheeler clergyman, Concord.
								Hester J. Cate.....	Hooksett ...	Housewife		
		Eva S. Stevens.....	Bow.....	17	"	Domestic .	Bow.....	Frank E. Stevens....	Bow.....	Farmer ...	"	
								Annie Goodhue	.....	Housewife		
June 1	Epsom	Fred C. Fife	Epsom ...	23	"	Farmer ...	Epsom	John H. Fife.....	Chichester..	Farmer ...	"	JW Scribner clergyman, Epsom.
								Mary E. Haynes.....	Meredith....	Housewife		
		Alice M. Wells	Epsom	19	"	Domestic .	Epsom	Hanover O. Wells....	Epsom	Farmer ..	"	
								Mary S. Brown	Epsom	Housewife		
June 7	Pittsfield....	Albert L. Sanders..	Epsom	33	"	Farmer ...	Epsom	William A. Sanders..	Great Falls.	Farmer ...	"	M A Quimby clergyman, Pittsfield.
								Sarah E. French	New Market	Housewife		
		Mary M. Demers...	Epsom	16	"	Domestic.	Canada	John B. Demers.....	Canada	Farmer ...	"	
								Rose D. Miner.....	Canada	Housewife		
June 21	Epsom	Florus W. Tripp. ..	Epsom	28	"	Farmer ..	Epsom	Warren Tripp.....	Epsom	Lumb. dlr.	"	JW Scribner clergyman, Epsom.
								Kattie M. Bickford..	Epsom	Housewife		
		M. Nettie Bartlett..	Epsom	25	"	Domestic .	Epsom	James L. Bartlett....	Meredith ...	Farmer ...	"	
								Sarah E. Yeaton.....	Epsom	Housewife		

Nov. 21	Pembroke..	Fred A. Page.....	Epsom	33	"	Farmer...	Pittsfield....	John W. Page.....	.....	Shoem'k'r	"	J. L. Felt, clergyman, Pembroke.
								Mandana C. Locke...	Epsom	Housewife		
		Clara C. Woodman.	Epsom	39	"	School teacher.	Epsom	H. Bartlett Haynes..	.....	.....	2d	
								Abbie J. Cotten.....	Greenfield..	Housewife		
Dec. 27	Manchester.	Norman H. Munroe	Epsom	27	"	Farmer...	Nova Scotia	William N. Munroe..	Nova Scotia	Farmer...	1st	N. L. Colby, clergyman, Manchester.
								Barbara A. Rhynard.	Nova Scotia	Housewife		
		Helen G. Hardy....	Hooksett..	25	"	Mill operative.	Hooksett....	John C. Hardy.....	Manchester.	Farmer...	"	
								Ellen L. Dow.....	Goffstown..	Housewife		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Epsom for the Year Ending December 31, 1893.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Place of birth. Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Feb. 17	Epsom	* Sophia Holmes, 1	85	2	2	Sweden, Me.	F	W	W	Housewife			Asa Stevens	Mary Center.
21	"	* Mary E. Jockrow, 2	59	9	..	Epsom	"	"	M	"	Chichester	Epsom	William Bickford	Polly Rand.
Mar. 4	"	* Martha J. Ames, 3	58	1	19	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Apr. 19	"	* Minnie E. Warren, 4	22	4	22	"	"	"	S	Invalid	"	Randolph	George E. Warren	Lizzie M. Holmes.
May 24	"	* Charles H. Hall, Jr., 5	21	5	23	"	M	"	"	Carpenter	Epsom	Deerfield	Charles H. Hall.	Lucy J. Langley.
June 2	"	* Joseph Lawrence, 6	75	6	28	"	"	"	M	Farmer	Epping	Epsom	Joseph Lawrence	Martha Ham.
2	"	* Langdon Lear, 7	81	5	20	"	"	"	W	"	Portsmouth	Rye	Samuel Lear	Sally Salter.
7	"	* Lucinda Fowler, 8	86	5	16	"	F	"	"	Housewife	Pembroke	Pembroke	William Holt	Sally Fife.
May 27	Concord	† William Tripp, 9	58	8	25	"	M	"	M	Lumber d'l'r	Epsom	Epsom	Jeremiah Tripp	Chloe Prescott.
Aug. 13	Epsom	* Jeremiah Burnham, 10	68	11	..	"	"	"	"	Farmer	Gilmanton	"	Jeremiah G. Burnham.	Sally Worth.
Apr. 7	Boston, Mass.	‡ Morris L. Hartford, 11	18	3	20	Deerfield	"	"	S	"	Wilmot	Hooksett	James S. Hartford	Esther J. Cate.
Oct. 5	Epsom	* Hiram C. Worth, 12	57	6	20	Pembroke	"	"	M	"	Pembroke	Epsom	Richard Worth	Olive Holt.
17	"	* Claude H. Critcherson, 13	4	10	23	Epsom	"	"	S		Lee	Deerfield	George E. Critcherson.	Annie Meloon.
Nov. 14	"	* Maryetta Rebecca Goss, 14	..	9	22	"	F	"	"		Epsom	Epsom	Nathan J. Goss	Ida M. Leighton.
Dec. 3	"	* John F. Leighton, 15	39	6	27	Strafford	M	"	W	Shoe m'n'f'r	Nottingham	Northwood	Zachariah Leighton	Mishal S. Bartlett.
22	"	* Eliza Hanscomb, 16	77	7	24	Barnstead	F	"	"	Invalid	Barnstead	Barnstead	Benjamin Babb	Sally Penny.

Disease or Cause of Death.—1, heart disease; 2, meningitis; 3, cancer; 4, consumption; 5, pulmonary congestion; 6, heart failure; 7, general debility; 8, general debility; 9, mitral disease of heart; 10, heart disease; 11, typhoid pneumonia; 12, diabetes; 13, dysentery; 14, whooping cough; 15, pulmonary phthisis; 16, heart disease.

Name of Physician (or other person) Reporting Death.—*Roscoe Hill, M. D.; † Charles R. Walker; ‡ C. E. Davis, Jr.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

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